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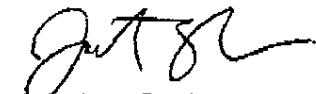
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Transmittal letter in duplicate;
Supplemental Response to Final Office Action;
Copy of Return Postcard bearing OIPE stamp of December 1, 2003; and
Copy of previously submitted Declaration of Yan-Yeung Luk.

Respectfully submitted,

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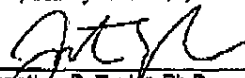
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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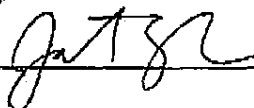
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir,

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 29, 2003 and to the Advisory Action mailed on December 24, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks, as set forth below.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.